

Preschool Summer
Lesson 2:
Jesus Helps Peter's Family (Mother-in-law)

Objectives: Students will...

- 1) Study Luke 4:38-39 – Jesus helped Peter's family
- 2) Understand that Jesus is helpful

Accommodations: How will I accommodate individual needs of students? See Lesson 1 for ideas

Supplies: Check with coordinator to ensure supplies are ready.

Teacher Materials (provided in classroom)

- Pens/Pencils
- Bible (please bring your own)
- Crayons/Pencil Crayons
- Attendance Sheet
- Stickers – enough for each child to have one every lesson for 13 lessons
- Activity Game Template – print one per class and cut shapes before class
- Tape
- Jesus Heals Peter's Mother-in-Law Activity Sheet –one per child
- Jesus Stickers – 5 on a page – one sticker per child cut out before class
- Peter's Mother-in-Law Stickers – 11 on a page – one sticker per child cut out
- Brad or paper fasteners – one per child
- Glue or Glue Sticks to share

Optional Activities

- Peter's Mother-in-Law Activity Sheet – one per child
- Fabric pieces (approximately 4 inches square) one per child for blanket
- Glue sticks to share
- Jesus Helps Visual Aid – one per class to share
- Dolls or Play Dough to share – children can retell the event of Jesus helping Peter's family using dolls or play dough
- Snack – Heart shaped cookies, crackers or apple pieces – enough for each child
- Napkins
- Cups with water
- Puppet to tell students the real events from the Bible

Lesson:

1) Introduction to lesson:

As students enter, welcome them and help find a chair to sit at. Thank them for coming. Take attendance (using attendance chart supplied). Write each child's name on the sheet provided. Let each child put a sticker beside their name for this week. Have them sit around the table.

Say to students, **"Welcome back to class. I am so glad to see you all here again today. Today we are going to continue to learn about Jesus and that Jesus is helpful and kind. Jesus helped people in the Bible and He helps us too! Jesus is helpful and that should make us happy to know that Jesus can help us as well."**

First let's sing a song about Jesus and His love and how He and we can help:

Jesus loves me!

Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He who died
Heaven's gate to open wide;
He will wash away my sin,
Let His little child come in.

A Helper I Will Be!

Tune: Farmer in the Dell

A helper I will be, a helper I will be.
There's work to do, there's work to do
In my family.

I love to help my mom; I love to help my dad.
I love to help; it makes God glad.
A helper I will be.

Let's learn about another person that Jesus helped. Last time we learned that Jesus helped a nobleman's son. Does anyone remember how Jesus helped the nobleman?

(He sent him home to find his son was healed from being very, very sick)

Today we are going to hear another story from the Bible about Jesus helping a woman who had a fever.

Have any of you ever been at home sick with a fever? What do you feel like when you are sick? Do you sleep more and stay in bed or on the couch?

This woman was so sick, she had to stay in bed. The fever would have made her feel hot, tired, achy, and weak. We will see how Jesus helped this woman!

2) Jesus Helps Peter's Mother-in-Law

10 minutes

***Optional:** If you have a puppet you can use the puppet to tell the event in the Bible.

***Optional:** if you have a book with pictures showing this story you can show the pictures as you read from the Bible, or you can use the visual aid provided.

Read this paraphrased version from **Luke 4:38-39**:

³⁸Jesus left the synagogue and went to the home of Peter. Now Peter's mother-in-law was sick from a high fever, and they asked Jesus to help her. ³⁹So he went to her and told the fever to leave, and it left her. She got up at once and began to help.

Ask the following questions:

Who did Jesus help? Peter's Mother-in-law

Why was she sick? She had a high fever

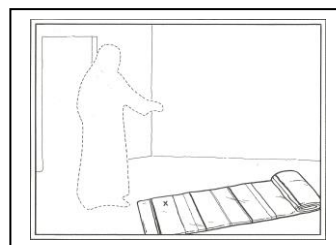
How did Jesus help? He told the fever to leave and it did.

Jesus can help when people are sick. He can help us too! We can pray to God and Jesus when we are sick or when others are sick! Jesus is very helpful.

3) Jesus Heals Peter's Mother-in-Law Activity Sheet

10-15 minutes

Before class: cut out Jesus and Peter's Mother-in-Law stickers. One per child. Gather a sheet as shown on the right for each child along with a brad or paper fastener and crayons and glue to share.



During class: Hand out one sheet to each child. Let them color the page. Next hand out stickers one of Jesus and one of Peter's Mother-in-law. Let students glue Jesus to the right spot and then with the brad, help children to fasten the mother-in-law on the bed so that when you move her, she stands up after Jesus heals her! Let students practice Jesus healing her by having her lay down and then get up. Talk about how nice it is that Jesus is willing to help and to heal those in need and how He helps us every day!

When done ask students to put items away before moving on.

4) Pretend to be Peter's Mother-in-Law

5 minutes

Line the students up in a row so that they can all see you and have enough space to move their hands and feet and to be able to lay down without hitting anyone beside them.

Say to the students: **We are going to pretend to get better just like Peter's Mother-in-Law did. When I call your name, or when I say "all the boys" or "all the girls" I want you to lie down. When everyone is laying down I will then call either your name or all the boys/girls to get everyone to stand up and be healed – just like Jesus healed Peter's Mother-in-Law.**

Go through the actions letting children lie down and stand up in small groups or one at a time, remind them or ask them why they are on the floor lying down or why they get to stand up – because they are pretending to be Peter's mother-in-law who was healed by Jesus!

Thank class for playing and then have them sit at the table for the next activity.

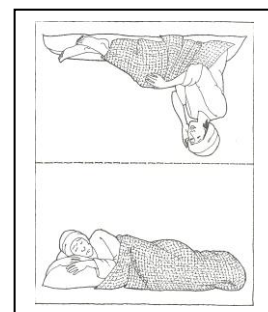
5) Peter's Mother-in-Law Activity Sheet

10 minutes

Hand out one sheet per child folded and let them color both sides of the page with crayons.

Say **"Can you show me the side of the page that shows Peter's Mother-in-law sick in bed?"** (Let students show you their pictures)

Good job! Now can you show me her getting up and feeling much better? Good job. Jesus healed Peter's Mother-in-Law and Jesus helps us too! Jesus is wonderful and caring.



If available. Take one piece of fabric and hand out to each child along with some glue and glue the fabric onto the blanket on the side that shows her sick in bed.

6) Activity Race Game with Pictures

5-10 minutes

Cut out the templates from the template provided and with tape, tape them down on three different walls or areas.

Gather children around and tell them that one at a time they are going to take turns, when you call the child by name – you will then say either "Jesus" "Peter's Mother-in-Law" or "Jesus Helps"

That child will then run to the picture of the word you said. If they run to the right spot praise them, if not, show them the right place to go. Have them return to the end of the line so the next child can go. Let each child take a turn and then if time and if they are having fun – play the game again.

Another option is to allow all the children to run to the right picture when you call out the pictures name if they are careful not to push or run into each other. Then you can just have them run from one picture to the next as you call them out.

7) Optional: Jesus Heals Play Dolls/Play dough

5-10 minutes

Pass around dolls, play dough or books about Jesus helping Peter's family and other things that will help children remember what they learned today.

Say, **"The Bible tells us that Jesus is helpful. He helped Peter's family when his mother-in-law was sick. Jesus helps us when we are sick too. We can pray to God and Jesus and know that they love us and will comfort us when we are sick. Now we are going to use our dolls or play dough and books and make things or use these things to remember that Jesus helps."**

Let students play with the dolls and books and then clean up.

8) Sing

Choose songs from the Songs selection attached

9) Optional – Snack: Crackers or Fruit cut in Heart Shapes

5 minutes

Hand out heart shaped snacks to each child along with a glass of water. Explain that, **"What shape are these snacks? Heart shaped! That is to remind us that Jesus is helpful and caring. He healed Peter's mother-in-law and Jesus helps us too! Jesus loves us very much. Let's name some ways Jesus helps our families while we eat our snacks."** Provide a napkin for children to clean their hands. Discuss questions while snacking!

10) Close in prayer

Ask all children to bow their heads and fold their hands to pray, then say: Thank You God for the world You made and for showing us people in the Bible who followed You. Thank you God for our families too.

Thank you God for your Son Jesus who loves us and helps us – just like He helped Peter's mother-in-law, we know that He helps us to when we are sick and He cares for us very, very much.

Thank you God for everyone here today and for those who could not be here because they were sick or away. We pray you will bring us all back to Sunday school next week safely. In Jesus name, Amen.

Thank you for serving Christ in this way!